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Staker is a frequent keynote speaker and panelist at education innovation conferences throughout the country and testifies regularly before state policymakers, including in Arizona, California, Florida, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, Oklahoma, and Pennsylvania. Scholastic’s blog named her [one of 5 people to watch in education in 2012](#).

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